

October 18, 1965

Dr. Lloyd H. Knox
Free Methodist Publishing House
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dear Dr. Knox:

I am sorry to have been delayed in answering your letter of September 24, but it was of such a nature that I felt I needed to refer it to Dr. Cox who is president of the Wesleyan Theological Society.

We are in sympathy with the need which you outline in your letter. It is our judgment that if a group of holiness publishers would like to get together at the time of the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Spring Arbor, November 5 and 6, it would certainly be agreeable with the planning committee for that conference. However, it is our suggestion that because of the crowded program which has been planned, it would be better for the publishers to plan to meet before the conference convenes Friday morning or after its final session Saturday noon - probably the latter time would work out best.

Neither Dr. Cox nor I feel that we are in any position to give any guidance or direction to the establishment of a committee or to the setting of guidelines by which such a committee might be guided in working on the project which you outline. For that reason, we feel it would be best for persons such as yourself to assume leadership just as Dr. Cox and I, along with others, assumed the responsibilities for bring into being the Wesleyan Theological Society. We would certainly be happy to announce any meeting you might wish to schedule and to give any encouragement that we could along this line.

It might be interesting to you to know that at Vennard College we considered pursuing a program such as you have apparently outlined in your letter. In our work with youth we have discovered the same dearth of useful material to teach them basic principles of Christian theology. I believe the main reason we discontinued our plans was the amount of time which would have been involved - an unfair imposition, we felt, on a faculty already overloaded in its responsibilities to the college. We are certainly cognizant of the need which you see, and we are sympathetic in your attempts to face the implications of that need.

Sincerely yours,

Merne A. Harris
Secretary Wesleyan Theological Society

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